

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Specification

An abstract of the disclosure as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.72(b) has been included herewith. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

New sheets of drawings have been submitted herewith. The changes made to the drawings have been discussed above. No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has reviewed the U.S. references submitted on November 10, 2003. However, the other references were not reviewed as they are not electronically available. Applicant has submitted herewith copies of these other references and requests that the Examiner review them and make them of record by checking the boxes on the PTO 1449 form previously submitted.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 6, 9, 10, 18, and 19 are pending in the application. Claim 19 has been rejected. Claims 6, 9, 10, and 18 have been allowed. Claim 19 has been cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wolf et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,979,942. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, applicant cancels, without prejudice, claim 19. Applicant thereby reserves the right to resubmit the claim, or a claim of similar scope, in a continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has stated that claims 6, 9, 10, and 18 are allowed. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-1329.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings are being submitted to replace the existing drawings. Certain corrections to the drawings have been made and are discussed below. No new matter has been added.

Figure 3a has been revised to show line 3b-3b as stated in the specification.

Figure 3b has been revised to show spokes 33 and openings 35 per the specification and the originally filed drawings.

Figure 3c has been revised to show openings 35 per the specification and the originally filed drawings.

Figure 4 has been revised to show spring 39 per the specification and the originally filed drawings.

Figure 8 has been revised to show dashed lines per the specification and the originally filed drawings.

The first occurrence of Figure 9 has been deleted, as it is not described in specification.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets